

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Altavista was held in the Council Chambers of the J.R. Burgess Municipal Building, 510 Seventh Street on June 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Rudy Burgess called the meeting to order and presided.
2. Pastor John Franklin, Evington United Methodist Church and Lamb United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Council members
present:

Mr. J.R. Burgess
Mr. Ronald Coleman
Mrs. Beverley Dalton
Mr. Charles Edwards
Mr. Bill Ferguson
Mr. Jay Higginbotham
Mr. Michael Mattox

Also present:

Mr. J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Town Manager
Mr. Dan Witt, Assistant Town Manager
Mrs. Tobie Shelton, Finance Director
Deputy Chief Kenneth Walsh, Police Department
Mr. John Eller, Town Attorney
Mr. John Tomlin, Public Works Director
Mr. Steve Bond, Wastewater Plant Director
Mrs. Mary Hall, Administration

3. Mayor Burgess asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes of the May 8, 2012 Regular Council meeting and May 25, 2012 Called Council meeting.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Mattox, seconded by Mr. Coleman, that the minutes of the May 8, 2012 Regular Council meeting and May 25, 2012 Called Council meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried:
VOTE:

Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

5. Financial Statements
6. Public Comment

Mayor Burgess asked if anyone not on the agenda would like to speak.

Mr. Morgan Allen, Altavista Chamber of Commerce, came forward and thanked Council and staff for their support of the 63rd Uncle Billy's Day festivities which was a success. He noted most of the work done by the Altavista Chamber of Commerce is prior to the event and thanked them also for their efforts.

7. Special Items or Recognitions
8. Public Hearings

9. Committees

a. Council Committees

i. Finance Committee

Bedford Avenue Park Wall Extension Request

Mr. Coleman advised at last month’s Council meeting, Mr. Ferguson requested the short retaining wall on the west end of the recently renovated Bedford Avenue Park be extended from the steps to the east end of the park at Myrtle Lane. This request was referred to the Finance Committee for funding consideration. When the request was received, the quotes were estimated to be \$11,500 to \$12,000; the bids came in higher. He stated the Finance Committee has identified up to \$15,000 in the current budget that this can be drawn from. The Finance Committee deferred this matter to the Public Works Committee.

Budget Amendments-CCUSA Water Purchases

Mr. Coleman stated staff presented the Finance Committee with a proposed budget amendment in regard to water purchase from Campbell County Utilities Service Authority. Staff had previously received invoices from CCUSA indicating a substantially higher use of water than normal and upon investigation it was found a phone line was damaged, creating the valve to function improperly resulting in water being feed to the Town from CCUSA in a greater volume than normal. Staff recommends the funds be taken from an existing line item in the Water Department Budget.

Mr. Higginbotham questioned if this could be prevented from happening again.

Mr. Tomlin suggested a signal device be added; if the valve is open have a light to come on.

Mr. Coggsdale stated they are going to implement some practices to address these issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Dalton, to approve the budget amendment of \$5,600 for water purchases.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

No Through Trucks

Mr. Coleman reported over the past few months, Council has discussed the possibility of creating “No Through Trucks” on certain streets in Town. Due to regulation, some of the streets can be addressed under local ordinances, while others (Main Street and Bedford Avenue) would have to be addressed through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). A draft ordinance was

presented to Council that would “prohibit trucks on certain streets in Town”. He noted the only street that is being considered at this time is the portion of Lynch Mill Road between U.S. Route 29 Bypass (town limits) and the west side of the intersection of Lynch Mill Road and Clarion Road. Per Mr. Coleman, the Finance Committee recommends Council review the draft ordinance and decide if they would like to schedule a public hearing on the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Dalton to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance “Section 74-310 through 311 regarding the prohibiting of trucks on certain streets in town for Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

Mr. Coleman mentioned a VDOT representative was present to discuss with Council the process of requesting a “No Through Truck” route on Bedford Avenue (Route 43) and the implications of such designation.

Mr. Coggsdale introduced Mr. Jerry Harter, District Traffic Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Mr. Harter addressed Council. He stated once the “No Through Truck” signs go up, it does have an impact and one thing to consider when thinking about “No Through Truck” restrictions, if there really is a truck problem on that road because the truck will have to go somewhere else. He mentioned Pittsylvania County was looking to restrict two roads, Routes 640 and 633, and after conducting an origin designation survey on those two roads, there were nine through trucks in a 10 hour period. VDOT felt those two roads did not have a “Through Truck” problem. He cautioned if Council wants to implement “No Through Truck” restrictions, make sure planning is involved. If there is a “No Through Truck” restriction on Route 43, the route will be pushed to somewhere else. He mentioned once Lynch Mill is restricted and then Route 43 and Pittsylvania Avenue from Pittsylvania County, it will limit where trucks enter and exit. Mr. Harter noted some items needed from the Town if a restriction is put into place; a copy of the public notice; a copy of the adopted resolution, an alternative route, (he read the Virginia State Code 46.2-809), and transcript of public hearing. He mentioned VDOT has nine months to turn a truck study around. Mr. Harter suggested a study be conducted before moving forward with the restriction process.

Mr. Higginbotham questioned the term “No Through Truck”.

Mr. Harter stated if a “No Through Truck” sign is placed on one end of the street and another on the other end and both signs are passed by the truck, he is in violation of the restriction. He mentioned if a truck detours within the two signs, they are not in violation.

Mrs. Dalton questioned the threshold for the number of trucks and what types and is it a judgment call on whether it is a problem or does VDOT have a number?

Mr. Harter stated VDOT does not have thresholds. He mentioned a lot of counties are having a “feels like” problem instead of an actual problem.

Mr. Coleman questioned if the Town should conduct a survey on the through trucks.

Mr. Harter stated VDOT could conduct the study; which could be done in a few weeks if Council desires.

Council agreed to consider the process before moving forward with the study.

BPOL Application/Tax Deadlines

Mr. Coleman advised the Finance Committee considered the draft ordinance amendments to the Section 23-43 of the Town Code regarding BPOL application/tax deadline filings and recommends scheduling a public hearing on the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that the Altavista Town Council conducts a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Section 22-43 of the Town Code on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Abstained

ii. Police Committee

No report.

iii. Public Works Committee

Mayor Burgess indicated he would be replacing Mr. Charles Edwards on the Public Works Committee.

Tree Request-Unopened Alley between 10th and 11th Streets

Mr. Ferguson reported the Public Works Committee considered the request of a citizen to have the Town remove a tree that is in the right of way of the unopened alley between 10th and 11th Streets. Staff spoke to the individual and stated it is primarily the Town’s policy not to remove trees in the right of way unless absolutely necessary. The individual did indicate they may petition the Town Council to abandon/close the alley at some point in the future. Based on staff’s recommendation, the Public Works Committee supports the idea that the individual could remove the tree in the unopened alley at their own expense.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Coleman, that staff communicate to the property owner that they may remove the tree at their own expense.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

Bedford Avenue Park Request

Mr. Ferguson referred to the Bedford Avenue Park and the proposal to extend the short wall at the park from the west end to the east side. Based on the current unit price, the project would cost approximately \$11,500 to \$12,000; based on the bids actual cost is higher. He mentioned due to the amount of time given, not many bids were obtained. He noted it was the consensus of the Public Works Committee to install the wall.

Mr. Higginbotham asked that additional bids be obtained and that Mr. Tomlin also present an estimate of how much it would cost for Public Works to lay the block.

Mr. Tomlin mentioned there are issues when bidding out to individuals who are not bonded or insured.

Mr. Coleman asked if there was consideration of planting some overlay.

Mr. Coggsdale stated there has been talk of a small portion, nothing substantial; wall or no wall, there will not be an increase or decrease in the plantings.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Mattox, to obtain additional bids to extend the short wall at the Bedford Avenue Park from the west end to the east side at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

Mr. Edwards left the room at 7:40 p.m.

Campbell County Request-English Park Mowing

Mr. Ferguson reported Campbell County made a request of the Town of Altavista to enter into an agreement to mow/bush-hog the County's portion of English Park. This was briefly discussed during budget deliberations but no action was taken. The Public Works Committee recommends the Town agree to mow/bush hog the County's portion of English Park, three times a year with the County compensating the Town at a lump sum price of \$2,100.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Coleman, that the Town agree to mow/bush-hog the County's portion of English Park three times per year for a lump sum cost of \$2,100 during FY2013.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

Mr. Edwards returned at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Ferguson updated Council on some items but no action was requested:

Drainage issues 14th and 8th Street—will continue to monitor these issues.

Trade Lot agreement—he and the Town Manager will continue to meet with the Altavista Band Boosters in regard to updating the agreement.

No Through Trucks—discussed previously in meeting.

Bedford Avenue Streetlights—will be on the Public Works Committee agenda for July.

English Park Steps (leading to river)—staff will remove these steps due to their deteriorated state. He mentioned if Council would like them replaced, staff will be glad to consider some alternatives.

Mr. Mattox mentioned the Recreation Committee has discussed the county putting in a boat ramp in the area of these steps and asked Council to wait on the results of that before discussing alternatives.

iv. Utilities Committee

No report.

v. PCB Remediation Alternatives Committee

Mr. Higginbotham presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the goals of PCB Bio-Remediation Alternatives Committee. He noted five tons of bio-solids are currently being produced and hauled to the Lynchburg landfill and if the Town could convert their bio-solids to compost, that could be used to restore the lagoon. Mr. Higginbotham stated Mr. Kevin Crider, Virginia DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office met with the committee and discussed ideas on how to run a pilot study to see if converting bio-solids to compost would work. He stated if this would work, the permit would need to be modified and could cost up to \$6,000. He said the point is sludge is being hauled to a landfill and could be used for the Town's benefit. He noted Dr. Sowers will be starting his caisson study. When Dr. Sowers did the study in his lab, he got a 35% reduction in the PCBs in 120 days without mixing. Mr. Higginbotham also noted the sixth barrel will contain Sedimite™, topsoil and Dr. Licht's trees combining two different processes to see how it will work. Mr. Higginbotham stated PCB samples have been sent to Jason C. White, PhD., Department of Analytical Chemistry Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station and are being tested at no cost to the Town. Another recommendation is to grade around the lagoon to keep surface water away from it. Mr. Higginbotham reported on some other alternatives that are being examined: AMTS (Activated Magnesium Treatment System), In Pile Thermal Desorption, Ex-situ Thermal Treatment, BMR (Bio-Marine Remediation), and Mirimichi Green. Mr. Higginbotham referred to the BMR method stating it is not cost efficient but a method the committee would continue to pursue if there is any way to economize what he does to work at the site.

Mr. Mattox questioned if this method would get the Town to 50 parts and keep the Town in the VRP. He asked if they would provide a letter supporting this.

Mr. Higginbotham responded, until a test pilot is complete, these questions cannot be answered. He stated 50 parts per million is still a contaminated site. Mr. Higginbotham said the committee feels they are on the right track, evaluating new technology and want to avoid any conflict with EPA who is endorsing the current approach. The EPA is looking at funding for this work. Mr. Higginbotham reported at the May 25, 2012 called meeting, the draft RFP was reviewed. He felt this document was inadequate. He stated the Committee feels the RFP circumvents the work of Dr. Sowers and Dr. Licht and publishing the RFP may risk under minding the relationship with EPA. The committee recommends shelving the RFP because it is premature, inadequate, sends the wrong message to EPA and not trying to solve the problem on site. Due to the developments since the March 5, 2012 meeting at the Train Station, the Committee feels the RFP should be shelved until such time they feel appropriate to bring it forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mrs. Dalton, to shelf the RFP.

Mr. Mattox stated Council agreed on a two track process and felt Council should have an RFP that is ready if these projects don't go the way they should the Town can stay in the VRP. Since this document is already paid for, Council needs a document they all can agree upon and will do the job. He agreed if Council wants to shelve until the last minute, but the document has been paid for and it needs to be right and ready. Mr. Mattox asked that the RFP continue to be developed but not issued.

Mr. Higginbotham stated the problem is, we don't know where we are going; don't know if the focus will be towards microbes or and if you don't know where you are going it's hard to do an RFP to get there. He mentioned the alternatives are being examined.

Mr. Mattox mentioned in the last 30 days two new ideas have come on board and what Council has is a plan with no plan; they are haphazardly moving forward and need some type of backup. He stated he supported this 100% but wanted to make sure there was something ready just in case. He did not feel fixing something that wasn't right should be a problem. Mr. Mattox stated he did not want to issue the RFP but did want one ready.

Mrs. Dalton felt the RFP was Council's last resort and felt having the RFP out there gives an overlay of greater comfort but suggested as Council struggles to get the RFP appropriate, it will have to be steered directionally and that will be hard to do. She suggested shelving the RFP and felt Council could not get it ready until more is known about which direction they might go in. She felt in essence Mr. Mattox's idea is incorporated because Council knows they can pull out the RFP if and when needed.

Mr. Mattox question how long would it take to get a RFP that is acceptable.

Mr. Higginbotham responded Council will need the data back from Dr. Sowers and Dr. Licht; perhaps a year.

Mr. Mattox stated that would be June, 2013 and it was his understanding the Town would be out of the VRP by early 2014.

Mrs. Dalton suggested shelving the RFP until January and then looking at the options.

Mr. Mattox stated he could go along with this if there was a threshold for success for Dr. Sower’s work.

Mr. Higginbotham stated everyone truly interested in treating the PCBs needs time to analyze the material.

Mr. Mattox said he had no problem with this but asked if a 30% threshold was a good number. He asked when Council should fall back to the RFP.

Mr. Higginbotham responded when the EPA tells Council it doesn’t work and something different needs to be considered. He noted Mr. Rock and EPA are in favor.

Mr. Mattox requested a letter from Mr. Scott Rice saying the Region 3 manager is comfortable with what the Town is doing. With that, he has no problem with moving forward.

Mr. Ferguson stated he felt the purpose of the RFP was to collect more information and would like to see the RFP happen.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	No
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	No

Mr. Coleman questioned if the RFP is not where Council thinks it should be, should there be a work session to address what is lacking.

vi. ACTS Advisory Committee

No report.

10. New Business

a) Altavista on Track-CDBG Loan Pool Program Amendment

Mr. Herb Miller, Altavista on Track, addressed Council. He stated back in May 2009 Council approved a no interest loan program associated with the grant given for the Community Development Grant. The Community Development Block Grant project was closed out in August 2011. The Town was left with \$49,893.65 to use in a locally run program. Mr. Miller asked Council to consider implementing the same program utilizing the same program guidelines with two changes; the first would be to make the program a 50/50 matching program and the second would add to the original designated district including the Altavista Central Business District (from Pittsylvania Avenue to Franklin Avenue).

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the proposed changes to the “Zero-Interest Loan” Program design and the district area be approved.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes

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Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

11. Unfinished Business

a) Consideration of Adoption of FY2013 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Coggsdale advised at the May 2012 Town Council meeting, Council conducted the required public hearing on the FY2013 Budget and Capital Improvement Program. Staff was directed to make the required changes in regard to the recently adopted Virginia Retirement System modifications.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. Dalton, that the FY2013 Budget in the amount of \$9,549,030 be adopted and the funds be appropriated.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Dalton, that the Capital Improvement Program for FY2013-2017 be approved.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

Mr. Edwards requested an analysis or peer comparison of the Town and eight to ten other communities of the Town's size. He stated he finds himself voting for the budgets not knowing if he is getting the best for the dollar or not. He felt this would be a valuable tool for the new Economic Developer. He requested Mr. Morgan Allen, Jr., former Finance Director, and other individuals meet to determine what it would take to put this comparison together and develop some reasonable cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Mattox, that the PPTRA resolution setting the tax relief at 61% be adopted.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

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A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ferguson that the tax rates for the Town of Altavista be adopted, as unchanged for FY2013.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

b) Consideration of Amendment of Utility (Water/Sewer) Rates for FY2013

Mr. Coggsdale advised at the May 12, 2012 Council meeting, Council conducted the required public hearing on the proposed utility rate changes, a five percent increase for FY2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Dalton, to adopt the proposed utility rates, as amended in Section 78-85 (e) and (f) of the Town Code, effective July 1, 2012.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. J.R. Burgess	Yes
	Mr. Ronald Coleman	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	No
	Mr. Mike Mattox	Yes

Water Rates (per 1,000 gallons):

Residential & Commercial	Current: \$1.80	Proposed: \$1.89
(Includes churches & schools)		
Industrial:	Current: \$1.76	Proposed: \$1.85
(Includes Commercial over 25,000 gallons)		

Sewer Rates (based on 85% of metered water per 1,000 gallons)

Residential & Commercial, under 25,000 gallons	Current: \$2.52	Proposed: \$2.65
Industrial	Current \$2.58	Proposed: \$2.71

Sec. 78-85 (e) Water rates inside corporate limits. The rates for water furnished inside the corporate limits shall be as follows:

- (1) Residential, commercial and churches: (quarterly billing)
Minimum charges based on 5,000 gallons, at current rate per 1,000 gallons
Over 5,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)~~\$1.80~~ 1.89
- (2) Schools: (quarterly billing)
Straight per 1,000 billing.....~~\$1.80~~ 1.89
- (3) Industrial and commercial: more than 25,000 gallons per month, billed monthly
Commercial straight per 1,000 gallons.....~~\$1.80~~ 1.89
Industrial straight per 1,000 gallons.....~~\$1.76~~ 1.85

Sec. 78-85 (f) Sewer rates inside corporate limits. The rate for sewer furnished inside the corporate limits shall be as follows:

- (1) Residential, commercial and churches: (quarterly billing)
Under 25,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons, based on 85 percent of metered water.....\$ ~~2.52~~ 2.65
More than 25,000 gallons per month, billed monthly
- (2) Minimum charge, per billing period.....\$5.00
- (3) Industrial:
25,000 gallons and over, billed monthly
Per 1,000 gallons based on a fixed percentage to the metered water to be agreed upon by the town and industry.....\$ ~~2.58~~ 2.71

Under special permission granted under section 78-183, sewer connections where no water connection exists, the rate of sewer service shall be the sum of the current minimum charge for water and the current minimum charge for sewer per quarter.

- c) WWTP PCB Request for Proposals (RFP)

12. Town Manager's Report

- a) Project Updates

VDOT Enhancement Project and Downtown Utility Replacement Project

- Work Session with Council held on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Pittsylvania Avenue Intersection Improvements

- Received agreement from VDOT making this a "locally administered project"
- Wiley Wilson has begun the coordination of the design with the Town's Infrastructure and Streetscape Project design.
- Continuing to work with Wiley Wilson and VDOT in moving the project toward a bid date (estimated Fall 2012)
- Federal Authorization received. VDOT is working on the Right of Way Acquisition Phase.
- VDOT is negotiating with property owners for right of way.

WWTP Emergency Overflow Pond

- Dr. Licht has implemented his Pilot Field Study for Phytoremediation.
- Dr. Sower's is scheduled to be on site the week of June 18th to implement his Pilot Field Study for SediMite®.
- Staff working with EEE regarding development of RFP for Remediation. Staff is requesting a Work Session with Council and Consultant.

Bedford Avenue Park Improvements

- Contractor's portion of the work is complete.
- Playground equipment is schedule for installation the week of June 18th.
- Council considering inclusion of additional short wall on west end of park parallel to Bedford Avenue.

Town web site update

- The Town's new web site is "live" at www.altavistava.gov. Staff is being trained on the maintenance of the site.

Mr. Coggsdale extended appreciation to Mr. Witt and Mrs. Laura Heavner for their work on the new website.

Mr. Edwards thanked Mr. Tomlin and his staff for their work at the Wastewater Treatment plant as well.

13. Matters from Town Council Members

Mayor Burgess requested the Town Manager's performance review be returned.

Mr. Higginbotham referred to Mirimichi Green's proposal, stating they would like to do some testing and he would like to discuss this with Mr. Steve Rock and get his concurrence. He stated these people are willing to come in do testing and give a cost proposal. He stated he did not have a problem with more than one person trying the same concept but doesn't want to under mind Dr. Sower's work.

Mr. Mattox asked if Dr. Sower's feels he can get the PCBs down to 50 parts per million within the VRP guidelines.

Mr. Higginbotham responded absolutely.

Mrs. Dalton said she has not heard within the timeframe.

Mr. Mattox questioned why Council would not want to pursue Mirimichi Green because they say they can. He stated he was in favor of this.

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Mrs. Dalton suggested the committee work it out first.

Mr. Mattox stated if there is someone saying they can take bio-remediation and get it down for under one million dollars and also get the Town through the VRP, why would Council not be for it with them guaranteeing it? He stated Dr. Sower's is testing when Mirimichi Green says they can do it.

Mrs. Dalton suggested keeping the conversation going.

Mr. Higginbotham stated he would discuss with EPA.

14. Closed Session

Mayor Burgess asked if there was anything else to bring before Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

J.R. Burgess, Mayor

J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Clerk